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TAGS: SHUM, PGOV, KE
SUBJECT: AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL LIST OF "LEGISLATORS IN JEOPARDY"

REF: NAIROBI 10512

1. AS REPORTED IN REFTEL, ANYONA, SERONEY, AND SHIKUKU ARE IN DETENTION UNDER NATIONAL SECURITY PROVISIONS OF KENYA CONSTITUTION. ANYONA WAS DETAINED EARLY 1977, THE OTHER TWO LATE 1975. NONE OF THESE HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH ANY CRIME OR BROUGHT TO TRIAL ALTHOUGH THEIR OPPOSITION TO KENYA GOVERNMENT IS WIDELY BELIEVED TO BE CAUSE OF SEQUESTRATION.

2. CHELAGAT MUTAI(NOTE CORRECT SPELLING) WAS NOT RPT NOT DETAINED WITHOUT TRIAL. SHE WAS ARRESTED AND TRIED ON CHARGE OF INCITEMENT TO VIOLENCE. IN MARCH 1976 SHE WAS SENTENCED TO SERVE 30 MONTHS IMPRISONMENT. SHE HAS UN-SUCCESSFULLY APPEALED THE CONVICTION AND CONTINUES TO SERVE HER TIME. MUTAI SUPPORTERS BELIEVE VERDICT

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WAS UNFAIR AND PROSECUTION POLITICALLY MOTIVATED, BUT NO CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE HAS SURFACED.

3. WASONGA SIJEYO WON ELECTION TO PARLIAMENT IN 1969 RUNNING AS CANDIDATE OF SUBSEQUENTLY-BANNED KPU PARTY (KENYA PEOPLE'S UNION). SIJEYO WAS DETAINED IN NOVEMBER 1969 ALONG WITH 18 OTHER KPU MEMBERS. HE IS

NOW ONLY REMAINING DETAINEE FROM KPU PERIOD.

4. IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT AP STORY ON AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL LIST WAS CARRIED BY LOCAL PRESS. ALTHOUGH NAMES OF DETAINED KENYA MPS WERE NOT GIVEN, PUBLISHED STORY INCLUDED MENTION OF KENYA AS ONE OF 17 COUNTRIES WITH JAILED OR DISAPPEARED MPS. ORDINARILY IN PAST LOCAL PRESS HAS DELETED EXTERNAL CRITICISM OF KENYA'S HUMAN RIGHTS BLEMISHES.

5. ALL OF FOREGOING MAY BE TREATED AS UNCLASSIFIED, ALTHOUGH PREFER THAT EMBASSY NOT BE IDENTIFIED AS SOURCE.

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